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and dance. Tickets, one dollar, including one gentleman and two ladies, can be obtained of the committee and at the door.







## The Newport Mercury.

JOHN F. BARNES, Editor and Proprietor.  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1885.

The movement in favor of the Hon. William M. Evans for U. S. Senator in New York gains strength daily. It ought to be successful.

They have had heavy rains and floods in the west and southwest during the past week. Much damage has been done.

According to the Boston Globe the total vote for President was 10,036,067, of which Grover Cleveland had 4,842,292; James G. Blaine 4,810,210; Benjamin Butler 234,848; and John P. St. John 148,698. Cleveland has a plurality over Blaine of 31,073.

The Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company have made another reduction in rates. They charge now all New England points and New York city ten cents. The rate to Chicago and the west is twenty-five cents. The rate to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington is twenty cents. It is nearly as cheap to send a message by telegraph as by mail.

Prominent Democrats throughout the country express divided and diverse opinions in regard to Gov. Cleveland's letter on the civil service. Some of the leading senators and representatives profess to believe that the President elect means all he says while others are plenty of loop holes in the letter to satisfy them that they will have their "innings" now that they have got hold of the helm of the ship of state.

The condition of the industries in the country is indicated in a recent issue of Bradstreet's, which gives a summary of statements from 4,000 correspondents, in which it appears that 18 per cent. of the wage-earners in manufacturing and mechanical pursuits are unemployed. The number reported out of work is 316,249, and in addition it is reported that there has been a general reduction of 10 per cent. or more in wages.

One of the first acts for the General Assembly to perform will be to elect a supreme court judge. There are several candidates in the field. Our Washington county friends are, however, pressing their claims with the most vigor and present the name of Hon. Thomas H. Peabody, a well known lawyer of Westerly. Mr. Peabody is a lawyer of experience and ability and would make a most excellent judge. Besides the south county is entitled to a position on the supreme court bench.

The traitors to the Republican party, in Newport, seem to be very much agitated, judging from the almost daily articles in their organ, for fear that the party will not receive them back as prodigals and kill the fatted calf for their benefit. The party got along very well without their help in November and will probably continue to exist whether these better-than-thou people see fit in the future to honor it with their presence or not. There was no lamentation at their departure and there will be no fatted calf business on their return. In other words, we believe the Republican party of Newport to be supremely indifferent to the movements of this little body of malcontents; and they will be left to act their own sweet pleasure.

They are having a great time in changing mayors in New York. Mayor Edson's term expired at 12 o'clock midnight, Dec. 31st. Just before his retirement he appointed a benchman commissioner of Public Works in place of Herbert O. Thompson. The superior court of New York issued an injunction against his making any appointments or the Board of Aldermen confirming them. This they refused to obey and the Mayor's office and Aldermen's chamber were strongly guarded by policemen to prevent the serving of subpoenas upon them for contempt of court. The Mayor's appointment was promptly confirmed and he retired. Alderman Kirke then became acting mayor by virtue of being President of the Board of Aldermen till 12 o'clock noon, January 1st. He immediately sent in the nomination of a Tammany benchman as corporation counsel, in place of the present incumbent. When Mayor Grace came on the scene, he immediately furnished a squad of police to guard the office of corporation counsel so that the new man could not get in and there where the matter rests at present. What the next move will be remains to be seen.

Gov. Cleveland has written a letter to George William Curtis which is pleasing to the heart of every good Democrat. He informs Curtis in substance that his interpretation of the civil service reform is that every office holder who has exercised his right as freeman must go. Only the drones in office, those who are too lazy to care for their country's good, can stay. This, of course, is what might be expected from a Democratic administration with a hungry party behind it, but is somewhat different from what the immaculate independents told us would be the case. It is safe to predict that inside of two years every office in the gift of the administration will be filled with Democrats. And that the Democracy of the South will receive the lion's share of those offices. We will venture another prediction, that our independent friends will get sadly left. Many of them went into the Democratic camp with the hope of reward. Now they see that the chance of reward is growing daily beautifully less, some of the number are beginning to show signs of uneasiness. Many of them would like to get back into the Republican camp. They feel lonely where they are. But there seems to be a disposition among Republicans to stay to the megawheelment. "You have made your bed with the Democracy and you must lie in it."

The New York Times says coal men assert that before 1885 is half over, coal will be selling as cheaply as it has sold at any time in the past ten years. This will be good news to the consumers.

## NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL.

Gov. Cleveland's Letter—Various Opinions in regard to it—Counseling the Electoral Vote—Report that Cleveland was the Supreme Court Judge under Hayes Administration—Guarding the Electoral Vote in 1876.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1, 1885. The Democrats as well as Republicans find ample food for discussion in the letter of Gov. Cleveland to George William Curtis. The Republicans see little hope for them while the Bourbon Democrat wishes he had said less on the subject and so given them more hope for a chance to come in and name their toes.

The esteem in which Senator Garland is held by the republican side of the chamber brings to light a bit of curious and unwritten history. When Hayes was taking over the last days of his administration there occurred a vacancy on the supreme bench. As the court was overwhelmingly republican, a happy and magnanimous idea suggested itself to Senator Edmunds. Taking with him several other republican senators, including Mr. Morrill of Vermont, all of whom cordially endorsed the plan, he went to the white house and presented the name of Mr. Garland for the vacancy. They took the broad ground that a competent and the vigorous lawyer was the chief need of the court at that time. No republican principle could be in jeopardy, and the appointment of Mr. Garland would be an extremely graceful and well merited compliment. Of course all this was done entirely without the knowledge of the Southern senator. The idea struck Mr. Hayes apparently with some force. On their second visit he expressed himself better pleased with the idea, and promised to comply with their unselfish wishes, and give Mr. Garland the place. It was impossible to keep this important news a secret in senatorial circles. Somebody leaked and Mr. Garland, to his amazement, found himself, in advance of his appointment, the victim of hearty congratulations. He was, of course, deeply gratified to learn how this unexpected thing had been accomplished and would have relished the honor, as law is more in the line of his ambition than politics.

The social season this winter will be one of unusual brilliancy. The families of cabinet officers it is said will entertain largely with a view to having the Arthur administration expire amid a social blaze. Mrs. McElroy, the President's sister, is preparing a list of ladies who will be invited to assist the President at the New Year's reception. It is expected that from 30 to 40 ladies will take part. The indications warrant the belief that the executive has determined to make his last New Year's reception the grandest ever held in the White House. The floral decorations will be very elaborate for a public reception. The greatest ornamentation will be lavished upon the red, blue and green parlors and the rooms upstairs assigned to Mrs. McElroy's lady assistants. In the East room only the mantels will be decorated with flowers. No plants will be placed on the floors of the east room, but in the main corridors palms of every kind will be conspicuous ornaments, together with tropical foliage. Baskets of flowers will adorn the mantels of the three parlors and the three south windows of the blue room will be filled with a bank of palms. The red room has been further beautified by the addition of a handsome screen and pair of porcelain vases. On one side of the screen, painted on a dark ground, is a bunch of golden rods and thistles and on the other wild roses, while the centerpiece is an exquisite bit of color representing a landscape. In the background of this is a luxuriant growth of wild grasses, out of which a startled covey of game birds is rising. The scene is pronounced by connoisseurs worthy of a place in the White House. On each side of the magnificent mantel of this room there has been placed a new vase, and the centre of the room contains a small table of Mexican onyx designed as a stand for a bouquet of cut flowers.

The election returns, which are to be counted in a few days when Grover Cleveland will be declared elected President, are quartered in the Vice President's safe. The way in which the returns of 1876 were guarded during the long controversy over the result are still unknown to most people here in Washington even to the present day. These returns were guarded day and night with the utmost vigilance. Threats from different quarters, as well as the excited state of the country, led to extraordinary precaution. One hundred extra policemen were sworn in and placed on guard night and day. The number was occasionally increased. This was done once in consequence of reports of plans maturing in Baltimore to make a descent on the Capitol to seize the returns. They were in a safe in a room at the senate end of the Capitol. At all hours that room was closely guarded. Unknown to any one but the sergeant-at-arms of the senate, at night a man locked himself in that room and remained without a light and in silence till morning. One night he carelessly drew a match to light a cigar. Though it was for an instant only, the light was seen and the report spread that all was not right in that room. The door was shaken and a call made, but the man inside remained silent. Preparations were made to force the door, and the sergeant-at-arms sent for. After hearing the report of the officer of the night, he found a way of delaying forcing operations till morning, when the guard was relieved and the man inside came forth to confess his carelessness and receive a proper reprimand. The sudden light was a mystery to the guards as long as they remained on duty. When the senate went to the house to meet in joint session to count the votes, the box containing the returns was placed in the possession of a chosen man, who was strongly flanked on the way by guards, but with as little display as possible, while the joint meetings were being held. Guards were

posted in the galleries, on the floor—especially in the vicinity of the speaker's desk, where the box was—throughout the Capitol buildings, and in the approaches. Meanwhile precautions on a larger scale were taken by men higher in office. A military force was concentrated in and about Washington and held in readiness for an emergency—that of inaugurating Hayes, protected by bayonets, if necessary. A Cabinet official at that time said recently: "The preparations for a great emergency were more extensive than any recent shows. The country was nearer its greatest crisis than was known except to a few."

The Daughter of the Famous Remains Rebel Scout Married.

Miss Grace Harding Hammond and Mr. Ray Charters were married in Texas a few days since. The bride is the daughter of Belle Boyd by her first husband. Belle Boyd was one of Gen. John H. Winder's scouts during the civil war, and was sometimes sent north on confidential errands by the Jefferson Davis government. It was this service that caused her to be called the "rebel spy." Last June Mrs. Grace, now Mrs. Charters, proffered serious charges against a prominent bank official at Dallas named Charles Cotton. The allegations coming to the ears of Belle Boyd she sent for Cotton, who obeyed the summons. A heated discussion followed. Cotton refusing to comply with the demands of the woman she attempted to kill, and did shoot Cotton through the arm. The wounded man escaped from the house bleeding as he fled. Mr. Charters, the groom claims to be a British nobleman, the Earl of Lynwood.

The Fish Commission.

A Washington special says the feeling in the navy department against the fish commission is growing more bitter each day. Friends of Lieut. Max Wood, who lately commanded the Fish Hawk and was recently placed on waiting orders at his own request, in consequence of a difference in opinion with Mr. Ferguson of the fish commission, assert that there are some rich facts behind the controversy. It is thought that the Secretary of the Navy will not order a court-martial to investigate the charges of dereliction of duty made against Lt. Wood by Prof. Baird. In this event, a movement to induce Congress to investigate the fact that the fish commission is allowed to spend upward of \$250,000 annually without accounting for a dollar, would seem to afford a field for a congressional prying committee. The rumors around the navy department indicate that such an inquiry would lead to some very interesting developments as to the way in which the commission gets rid of the funds appropriated for it.

The court of inquiry appointed to investigate the system of making purchases for the bureau of the Navy Department report that careful examination has been made into the expenditures of the bureau, other than that of medicine and surgery, for the past few years, and a thorough comparison has been made between the vouchers recorded in the bureau and the same as shown in the records of the Treasury Department. No discrepancies of any moment have been found, and the court has no reason to believe that any dishonest practices similar to those in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery have prevailed in any of the other bureaus.

The celebrated Sharon divorce suit at San Francisco has been decided in favor of the plaintiff. The suit, as brought by the plaintiff, Miss Sarah Althea Hill, claiming to be the wife of ex-Senator Sharon, was for a divorce and division of the common property. Judge Sullivan's decision is very comprehensive, containing 26,000 words. After reviewing the testimony, he concludes by declaring that, under the laws of California, the plaintiff is the legal wife of Sharon, and as such, on ground of wilful desertion, is entitled to a divorce and division of the common property. The latter is estimated to be worth \$10,000,000.

The San Francisco Bulletin says: The Pacific Mail Steamship Company closed a contract, Saturday, for six months supply of coal at \$5 per ton. The Pacific Mail Company will save at the rate of \$150,000 to \$200,000 per annum as compared with the price paid for the current year. This is a slightly lower figure than the consumers each are compelled to pay where the market price is not less than \$6.50 per ton.

Secretary Chandler thinks that President Arthur's Cabinet will not need to be removed as they did nothing to aid the election of the Republican ticket in November. The Secretary doubtless intended to be sarcastic, but he should remember that "there is many a truth said in jest."

The only man who ever represented three states in the United States Senate is Gen. Shields. In 1849 he was elected a Senator from Illinois, in 1857 from Minnesota, and in 1879 he represented Missouri for some two months in the upper room.

Chief Justice Waite is slowly recovering from his severe illness. The Hon. Robert C. Winthrop is also recovering and it is thought that he may be able to be present at the dedication of the Washington Monument.

Rhode Island's law makers will assemble in solemn convocation for their winter session on Tuesday next. It is doubtful if they get ready to go home again till warm weather reminds the former element that another summer is approaching.

Reports of the cutting down of wages owing to the hard times, come from all parts of the country. Probably this is the darkest winter the country has known for years. It is hoped that spring will bring a revival.

## Held for the Supreme Court.

William G. Weaver, charged with breaking and entering the boot-builder's shop of Thos. D. Stoddard on Long wharf on the 5th of December last, was tried before the Justice Court Tuesday, adjudged probably guilty and remanded to jail to await the sitting of the Supreme Court. It will be remembered that the same night on which the boot shop was broken into the grocery store of Peleg Bryer was also entered and robbed and that a child, which was subsequently identified as one of the missing tools from the ship, was found in the store, which would indicate that the same party committed both crimes. The most convincing proof of Weaver's guilt was the evidence furnished by Mrs. Juliana Parker.

It seems that she engaged a boat to go to Fall River and get some household goods for her home time after the above robberies had been committed; that just before the boat was ready to start the business expressed a wish for some tools, and Weaver, over-hearing him, immediately offered to sell him some. The tools were purchased, said Mrs. Parker, suspecting their origin, had them turned over to the police. These proved to be the stolen property of Mr. Stoddard.

## THE SUPREME JUDICIAL.

What Is Said About It.

[From the Western News.]

Judge Carpenter's promotion to the United States Court, is now a fixed fact, and the vacancy thereby occurring upon the bench of the State Court, is to be filled by the assembly of its next session. As our new week, has any better candidate been mentioned for the position than the Hon. Thomas H. Peabody of Westerly, R. I. He is a clean man, a Christian and a scholar, as well as an experienced and upright lawyer. With country born "pluck" and the bar, he certainly possesses all the requisites for filling the position in a highly respectable manner, and we deem it no disparagement to say that the election would be a dignified and credit to our court. It is not a little startling that the press of this county has almost as with one accord, and enthusiastically proclaimed Mr. Peabody as the proper candidate for the position, and the newspapers of eastern Connecticut, where he has many acquaintances and friends, and where he is well known as a practicing attorney, have nearly all spoken of his candidacy in the most flattering manner. Mr. Peabody will undoubtedly be a credit to the bar, and his full strength of his own county, and unless political trunks shall defeat the best interests of the people, he will in all probability be elected. It may be here repeated that the election of a judge is not a matter to be taken lightly, and that the election of a judge residing in this county would exert a benign influence upon the administration of justice here; for it is a fact too well known to require argument, that the present session of the county court has not been a very successful one, and that the speedy administration of justice is greatly impeded. A resident judge, who has himself been familiar with the ponderousness of the machinery of the county court in removing such a defect. To also who are familiar with our law requirements will not need to be told that convenience in the administration of justice is much promoted by having judges resident in different parts of the State, as their prompt attention to certain classes of cases may be more easily secured. In fact in whatever way it may be viewed, there are abundant reasons why the election of a judge should be chosen from different localities.

From Providence Star.

"The most prominent candidates mentioned as Judge Wilbur of the Worcester Justice Court and Councilors Peabody of Westerly and Gregory of Central Falls. The members of the State bar are generally outspoken against the candidacy of Judge Wilbur, who they maintain is personally an honest, upright and popular citizen, but who has not the legal training requisite to qualify him for a seat on the bench. Some, however, are in favor of his election, especially by Edward W. Greene, Samuel Ames and Geo. A. Drayton.

Cost of Living in Newport.

The Newport correspondent of the Army and Navy Register writes as follows on the cost of living in this city:

There are good reasons for believing that the subject of the alleged excessive cost of living for naval officers at this place has been inquired into at the request of certain authorities. The question is a serious one, and the question of the final establishment of the War College on Governors' Harbor Island. The statements that have been made by certain naval officers to the effect that living here is very high are so sweeping that little wonder is expressed that either Congress or the Secretary of the Navy hesitates about establishing an institution here that would require a number of officers to pass many months in this vicinity. It is learned that at the small boarding houses on the hill, and which are patronized by the wealthy ones who come here for a few days when seeking cottages for the summer, good accommodations can be obtained for from \$50 to \$60 per month. This is the very best there is to be had in town, while, as previously pointed out in this correspondence, the health of a who hire rooms and rugged table board find that they are able to do excellently, and find that, including the payment of their daily paper, they can secure for about \$40 per month. But if officers bring their wives and families, as many of them have done, there are several eminently respectable boarding houses that have been patronized for years by naval officers when the change is, including rooms, and which are not a great deal of price for children. These are summer prices, and may be remarked. But it is not the cost of living that troubles the naval officers, it is the structure of summer. It is the Casino season, the season of the social, and the like, that tell heavily upon the limited incomes of some of the officers. It is a well-known fact in the minds of naval officers who have lived here any length of time that Newport is as reasonable a place for living as the vast majority of the officers here have been at. For convenience sake, the torpedo station being already here, and it being intended that the course there should be a part of the year's study, it would appear as if Congress' Harbor Island could be made more of a location for the proposed college. The Government has had a valuable piece of property given to it, and it would appear desirable that it should be used.

A Remarkable Stroke of Luck.

The whaling barque Bartholomew Gosnell, of New Bedford, Capt. Hammond, arrived at Albany, West Australia, O. T. 30th, from a four months cruise, during which time she took 500 blks. sperm oil, and in one 60 blbs. whale, 300 pounds of ambergris was found, which is worth about \$2000, or \$40,000. How is that for "greasy luck"? Many of our readers will ask "What is ambergris?" Webster defines it thus:—"A substance of the consistence of wax, found floating in the Indian Ocean and other parts of the tropics, and also as a morbid secretion in the intestines of sperm whale, (Phæcetor macrocephalus) which is believed in all cases to be its true origin. In color it is white, ash gray, yellow, or black, and often variegated like marble. The floating masses are sometimes from sixty to 250 pounds in weight. It is wholly volatilized as a white vapor at 212° Fahrenheit, and is highly valued in perfumery."

Real Estate Sales.

W. J. H. Allman has sold a lot of land, with two dwelling houses, on Heath's Court, to Frank G. Harris for \$1, etc.

L. D. Davis has sold his one-half interest in the estate No. 184 Thames street to T. T. Pitman, for \$3,500.

Card of Thanks.

I hereby desire to extend to all my "friends" my thanks for the many kindnesses extended to me during my past illness of over three months. I am now able to move about, and am able to tell them that but for Sulphur Springs I should be suffering still. May you never suffer what I have, is the wish of your grateful friend.

R. H. TAYLOR.

## The Government Chemist Analyzes two of the Leading Baking Powders, and what he finds them made of.

The "Cleveland" powder is made from pure Cream of Tartar, Bicarbonate of Soda, and a small quantity of flour or starch. Frequently other ingredients are used, and serve a purpose in reducing the cost and increasing the profits of the manufacturer.

We give the Government Chemist's analyses of two of the leading baking powders:

I have examined samples of "Cleveland's Superior Baking Powder," manufactured at Albany, N. Y., and "Royal Baking Powder," both purchased by myself in this city, and I find they contain:

"Cleveland's Superior Baking Powder."  
Cream of Tartar  
Bicarbonate of Soda  
Four

Available carbonic acid gas 12.81 per cent. equivalent to 118.2 cubic inches of gas per oz. of Powder.

"Royal Baking Powder."  
Cream of Tartar  
Bicarbonate of Soda  
Carbonate of Ammonia  
Tartaric Acid  
Starch

Available carbonic acid gas 12.40 per cent. equivalent to 116.2 cubic inches of gas per oz. of Powder.

Ammonia gas 0.43 per cent. equivalent to 10.4 cubic inches per oz. of Powder. Note.—The Tartaric Acid was doubtless introduced as free acid, but, subsequently combined with ammonia, and exists in the Powder as a Tartrate of Ammonia.

E. G. LOVE, Ph. D.

NEW YORK, JAN. 17th, 1881.  
The above analyses indicate a preference for "Cleveland's Superior Baking Powder," and our opinion is that it is the better preparation. [Hall's Journal of Health.]

It is now believed that there will be a dead-lock on the senatorship in New York which may possibly last during the next two years.

Port Grape Wine for the Sick.  
We can confidently recommend Speer's Port Grape Wine, which was awarded the highest premium at the World's Fair superior article of wine for the sick and debilitated. The Vinous and cellars are at Pease's, New Jersey near New York City. Medical Review. For sale by Cassell, Mackay & Co., and Cassell Hazard & Co.

Never spend your money before you have it.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla stops the numerous discharges of torrida Catarrh, and cures the complaint.

We never report of having eaten too little.

Any one sending a two cent postage stamp to Snow & Barre, Providence, R. I., will receive free, by mail, a trial package of Bileau's.

Triumph of Science.

Chemistry never achieved a more decided triumph than in the production of SOZODOL, which is a balanced preparation of woodroos efficacy in preserving and beautifying the teeth, rescuing them from decay, and rendering them as white as alabaster. It is a luxury of which all should avail themselves. The unpleasant odor communicated to the breath by unwholesome food, is entirely obviated by this fragrant and salubrious antidote of which one bottle lasts a long time. Druggists and perfumers sell it.

Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.

## Weekly Almanac.

JAN. 1885.	Sun	Moon	High water	Low water
3 SAT.	10 30	11 15	10 30	11 15
4 SUN.	11 30	12 15	11 30	12 15
5 MON.	12 30	1 15	12 30	1 15
6 TUES.	1 30	2 15	1 30	2 15
7 WED.	2 30	3 15	2 30	3 15
8 THURS.	3 30	4 15	3 30	4 15
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Nice Gilt Edged Paper and Envelopes, only 25 cents per











# A CRUCIAL TEST.

The severe analytical tests to which the various baking powders have from time to time been placed have demonstrated clearly to the public the relative merits of the different brands from a scientific point of view. For instance, Dr. Love, the eminent Government chemist, in his analysis, made the comparative strength as follows:

Name.	Cubic inches Gas Evolved.
"Royal" (absolutely pure).....	127.04
"Hawford's None Such," fresh.....	121.6
"Hawford's None Such," old.....	84.36
"Cleveland's (contains lime), fresh.....	110.8
"Cleveland's," when not fresh.....	61.2
"Sea Foam".....	107.9
"Hecker's".....	92.6

The Royal Baking Powder was found, besides being of absolute purity, to evolve the highest amount of leavening gas of any of the powders tested, and hence it was placed at the head of the list and recommended for Government use.

But the crucial test of the kitchen is, after all, the most satisfactory to the housekeeper. A baking powder that never fails to make light, sweet, wholesome, and palatable bread, biscuit, cake, etc., upon all occasions, is the one that will be placed at the head of the list by the practical housewife, and received into her kitchen for continuous use. This test the Royal Baking Powder has stood for over twenty years without a single failure, and hence its reputation as the best baking powder made has spread from house to house, until its use has become as universal as its merits are unrivaled.

## A USEFUL PRESENT.

Before purchasing your Christmas presents please call at our place of business and examine our Stock of Willow Chairs, Fancy Rattan Chairs & Rockers, Mahogany, Ebonyized & China Tables, Foot Stools, Foot Rest, Magazine & Slipper Racks, Corner Brackets, Patent Music Racks, etc.

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**Horse Owners**  
NEVERSLIP HORSE SHOES  
AND  
Removable Calks.  
CALKS ALWAYS SHARP.

An extra set can be changed in five minutes. Costs less than the old style of shoeing. Good for trotters and fast drivers. The N. S. Wagon, used for running and landing these Calks, will be found especially useful for horsehold and stable.

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Being near at hand, now is the time, and this is the place, to buy Candies, Oranges, Grapes, and Nuts of all kinds, at prices

Lower than the Lowest.

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OF  
**GENERAL GROCERIES**

Still remain under the head of our old motto

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We are connected by telephone, all orders receive strict attention and prompt delivery. Orders called for at residence if desired.

**Centennial Tea Company.**  
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Headquarters for celebrated brands of Havana Cigars.

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NEW EXPRESS WAGONS, both open and covered. A second-hand WAGON and BUGGIES.  
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## NEWPORT COUNTY NEWS.

**PORTSMOUTH.**  
INSTALLATION.—The officers elected for the ensuing term of the Board of Health, No. 23, I. O. of O. F. were publicly installed on Thursday evening by R. W. D. D. M. Henry T. Easton of Newport, assisted by James G. Weaver, R. W. Q. M. John B. Allen as G. W., Allen C. Griffith as G. Sec., William Lovie Tilley as G. Treas., Seth B. Hammett as G. Chap., William Allen as G. Herald, and James T. Barker as G. Guar., as Grand officers.

The following are the elected officers for the current term:  
N. G.—Jonathan A. Slason.  
G. W.—Albert S. Walker.  
Sec. Sec.—Charles I. Coggeshall.  
Per. Sec.—Coradellus Sullivan.  
Treas.—William J. Barker.  
R. S. to N. G.—Edward A. Coggeshall.  
I. S. to N. G.—William D. C. Main.  
R. S. to V. G.—Wm. M. Sisson.  
I. S. to V. G.—Wm. G. Gifford.  
Warden—John T. Brown.  
Com.—Geo. A. Brown.  
R. S. S.—Benj. Wyatt.  
I. S. S.—Frederick Manchester.  
I. G.—Jas. E. Wyatt.  
G. G.—Geo. H. Calvert.  
Chap.—Nathaniel Peckham.  
S. P. G.—J. C. Peckham.  
Trustees—Charles C. Slason, Josiah C. Gifford and William D. C. Main.

After the installation exercises there was an oyster supper served to all who desired, and a creditable one it was showing that the committee were equal to the occasion. Then followed the tripping of the "light fantastic" to music furnished by the Newport orchestra. Mr. Mather leader, and Charles Gillan prompter. It is but just to announce that Mr. S. S. Vars, the "veteran of the whip," brought the Grand Officers in Stewart's drag, and this time without any accident.

**BLOCK ISLAND.**  
SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr. Robert E. Mitchell, one of the oldest and best known residents of this island, died very suddenly of heart disease Tuesday afternoon in the 76th year of his age. He was in his usual robust health and had been at work about the farm all day. After dinner he sent one of the men after a load of sand, accompanying him as far as his daughter's residence where he proposed making a call. On his return with the sand the teamster found the old gentleman lying on the ground just inside his daughter's gateway where he had evidently fallen immediately after entering. Thinking that he had just slipped down the driver hurried to his assistance, but found he was dead. Dr. Hadly was summoned and gave it as his opinion the death was caused by heart disease. The deceased leaves a widow and seven children—four sons and three daughters. The funeral was solemnized on Thursday and was attended by a large number of mourning friends and relatives. Amos D. Mitchell, who it will be remembered dropped dead last June, while at work in a corn field, was a brother of the deceased.

**ITEMS.**—Christmas festivals were held Thursday evening by the Sunday School on the Neck and the First Baptist church. The rooms were appropriately trimmed and each had a tree well loaded with handsome and costly presents. The audiences were large and the entertainments thoroughly enjoyed by old and young.  
Mrs. Horace Dickens died very suddenly of pneumonia last week.  
Mrs. John B. Payne is more comfortable.

Capt. D. B. Dodge, proprietor of the Pequot House will soon start on a trip to New Orleans, to visit the exposition, and will spend the winter south.

**PARALYSIS.**—On the 25th ult. Deacon John Manchester went to Portsmouth Grove expecting to meet his servant on the six o'clock train. She did not come and it is supposed that he waited for a later train, hoping to meet her, but with the same result. His long tarrying caused uneasiness at home, and his son-in-law—Mr. Rathbone—accompanied by Mr. Chas. Carr 2d, started to find Mr. Manchester. They found him quite a little way from the R. I. station, near by his horse and wagon, on the ground partly covered with snow, in an unconscious and helpless condition. He was taken home and Dr. Greene, his family physician, summoned and pronounced it a stroke of paralysis. He remained unconscious until the morning of the 27th ult. when consciousness returned, for a short time. He died yesterday morning.

**DEATH AND FUNERAL.**—Another of our aged people has been removed by death. Mr. William Sisson died on Thursday last week at his late residence, near Minuteman brook, where with his sorrowing companion they had lived together for upwards of 70 years. What an example of fidelity is here shown. It is indeed one worthy of emulation even in this time of swift divorces. The funeral services were held in St. Mary's church on Saturday last, the Rev. J. Homer Broadwell, M. D., rector of St. Paul's church officiating. Mr. Sisson was in his 95th year, and his wife in her 94th year, there being only six months difference in their ages.

**RESIGNATION.**—The Rev. Lewis L. Briggs has resigned the pastorate of the Christian church in this town.

**RELIGIOUS.**—The Rev. O. J. Waite of Fall River, Mass., and formerly President of Antioch College has officiated the past two Sundays at Christian church.

**MIDDLETOWN.**  
Thirty-two persons registered their names in the Town Clerk's Office of Middletown for the purpose of voting. Of this number the Republicans claim all but four. The taxes of all who must pay a registry tax in order to vote have been

paid excepting 18. Six of the number registered pay a tax on personal property. Times and places were appointed by the Town Clerk for meeting those who chose to register, in different sections of the town and every facility was afforded them, but only one-half of the number entitled to the privilege availed themselves of the opportunity offered. Last year 60 registered.

**TIVERTON.**  
Ralph Gray, of Newbern, N. C., has been in town this week, the guest of Mr. Alex. Pierce.

A festival for the children of the Congregational Sunday School was held in White's Hall on New Year's eve.

Miss Fuller is visiting relative in Fall River, Mass.

Miss Alice G. Pierce has returned from her recent visit to Pawtucket.

Among the people from out of town who spent Christmas here were Mr. and Mrs. William A. Gray, of Bristol; Mr. B. Barker Jr., of New York; Mr. Frederick S. Bradford, Mr. Charles L. Seabury, of Bristol; and Mr. William J. Osborne, of Brooklyn.

## NEW ENGLAND ITEMS.

**RHODE ISLAND.**  
South Kingston is rapidly developing its bayberry fields, and turning the crops to account. Providence druggists buy the tallow, about five pounds coming from a bushel of bayberries.

Charles Elletcher of Providence, after a two years' trial, has adopted in his worsted mills this system for the old scheme of apprenticeship. He engages a boy at \$3, \$5 and \$6 a week respectively, and at the end of each year, if faithful and useful, rewards them with \$50. After that he puts on a regular job if deserving, gives another year's trial, or allowed to go elsewhere.

William D. Hilton, ex-superintendent of the Providence and Worcester Railroad, has been arrested on charge of forgery. The arrest revives the case first made public in March, 1880, when Mr. Hilton confessed that as a result of business embarrassments long continued he had forged the names of William S. Slater and Lyman A. Cook to paper representing \$30,000. The case has been in the courts at various times since, but this is the first criminal prosecution.

**MAINE.**  
The State Methodist Conference will meet at Biddeford April 23d, Bishop Harris presiding.

The Maine insane asylum has had 667 patients the past year, and during its forty-four years 6384 have been admitted and 5804 discharged.

Maine's necrology for the past twelve months shows 284 deaths from violent causes, an unusual number, thus divided: Suicide, 58; accidents, 121; drowning, 81; murders and kindred fatalities, 14. Others include 28 prominent clergymen, 31 soldiers of 1812 and 1861, and 27 centenarians or nearly such.

The Bangor Commercial remarks: "There are indications that the skating mania is on the decline in this State. Some of the managers are dropping a lot of money. In one rink only \$15 was taken from Monday morning to Thursday night. At another rink, a Lewiston star performed to an audience of 23 people. The Gardiner rink, which cost \$17,000, which is handsomely furnished, equipped with beautiful scenery, and is probably the nicest building in the State used as a rink exclusively, has thus far found an elephant."

A well known citizen of Androscoggin county has a wife who vowed she would never be wretched. The gentleman tried all sorts of ways and means to get her on the wicket, and finally succeeded by a clever trick. He drove his team containing himself and wife on an Auburn man's hay racks and talked business with the man, while a clerk, who had been instructed, weighed the team. Then he drove to Lewiston, left his wife (who had not seen through the transaction), returned and had the team weighed again. He then performed a little problem in subtraction and obtained a remainder of 225 pounds.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE.**  
The committee appointed by the New Hampshire Club to arrange for an excursion to New Orleans, recommend a special train of Pullman cars to leave Boston, Feb. 5, via Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Alexandria, Richmond, reaching New Orleans on the 12th; to spend four days there, returning via Atlanta, Charlotte, Louisville and Washington, reaching home on the 19th.

**MASSACHUSETTS.**  
A St. John Chamber Post 72, G. A. R., fair controversy was settled in Stoughton on late Saturday evening. Half a dozen citizens who have no connection with the post met, and the drawing took place as promised. The drawing was taken completely out of the Grand Army's hands by these men, who assumed the risk and took all the responsibility on themselves.

Carl Boynger, the manager of the Duke of Lichtenstein's Hungarian Band, who was arrested at Worcester Monday evening on suit of the assignee of Geo. A. Jones, of Boston, to recover damages in \$5000 for a failure to keep a business agreement, was discharged Friday after a hearing of three days. He threatens a suit for false imprisonment.

**CONNECTICUT.**  
The membership in the Grand Army posts in Connecticut at present crowds hard upon 5000. During the present administration ten new posts have been organized, the period commencing with February.

William Lovie Tilley, formerly Probate Clerk of Newport, now a resident of Middletown, offers his services to the people as a Notary Public, to draw up instruments in writing, such as wills, deeds, leases, mortgages, or would like enjoining any description, all petitions to be presented to the Probate Court, or making of accounts, and with dispatch and in a correct manner.

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On the evening of Christmas day, at the residence of the bride by the Rev. H. B. Post, Miss Minnie Gibson to John Thomas Allen.

In this city, 26th ult., Mary, widow of James McNulty, aged 70 years.

In this city, 26th ult., Daniel T. Seabury, aged 70 years.

In this city, 31st ult., Lizzie, wife of Edward Fisher, aged 23 years.

In Chicago, 18th ult., Laura, wife of Dr. E. S. Atwood, and daughter of W. H. Peck, formerly of this city.

In Portsmouth, 2d inst., John Manchester, 2d, aged 67 years.

Funeral from Union church, to-morrow (Sunday) at 12 o'clock. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

In New Bedford, 27th ult., Helen R. Howland, widow-law of Captain H. A. Brightman, of this city.

In Providence, 25th ult., Mrs. Oliver M. Collier, daughter of the late Joseph M. Smith, Jr., 2d, aged 86 years.

In Providence, 25th ult., Samuel Sweetland, 83; 2d, Darling E. Sweet, of Gloucester, R. I.; 31st, Benjamin H. Hadley, 65; 31st, Mary W. H. Kelly, 71.

In Pawtucket, near Apponaug, 24th ult., Whitman Tibbels, aged 86 years.

In Washington Village, 25th ult., Mary A. Rowen, widow of the late E. P. Rowen, aged 69 years.

In Philadelphia, 24th ult., William H. Batten, son of the late William and Fannie Bailey, of Johnston, aged 61 years.

In Cranston, 26th ult., Alden Henry, aged 78 years.

In Lonsdale, 27th ult., Hazard Sherman, aged 62 years.

In Valley Falls, 25th ult., Richard Krwin, aged 41 years.

In Warwick, 30th ult., Pardon S. Sweet, aged 58 years.

In Pawtucket, 30th ult., Anne, wife of John Hogan, aged 42 years.

In Riverside, 30th ult., Batawia Mathewson, 73 years.

In Pawtucket, 30th ult., James Quinn, aged 74 years.

In San Francisco, 22d ult., Mrs. Eleanor M. Vaux, a native of Rhode Island, aged 78 years.

In this city 25th ult., Lucretia M. wife of Edward B. Young, and mother of Mrs. Felix Peckham, in the 75th year of her age. The death of this estimable woman calls for a tribute of loving remembrance. She was very intelligent, loving to her disposition and was always a benefactor to those with whom she mingled. She has passed eighty winters in this city, and here she has formed many pleasant friendships, and found protection, and her sufferings severe, but with in her blessed Savior enabled her to triumph amid the swellings of Jordan, and as her spirit sank in the western heavens, so her spirit seemed deeply in the realm of blessedness. She leaves a husband and children to mourn the loss of one who was the light of her home, and the comfort of their hearts.

"What Do Unitarians Believe?" By Rev. Chas. W. Wendell, and other liberal literature, will be sent free to any one. Address, W. A. C. Newport, R. I.

**New Advertisements.**

**St. Paul's Lodge, A. F. & A. M.**  
A REGULAR Communication of this Lodge will be held in St. Paul's Hall, Monday evening, January 6, 1885, at 7.30 o'clock. Your punctual attendance is requested.  
Per Order,  
CHARLES R. MARSH,  
Secretary.

**Gas Light Company.**  
THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders will be held at Room No. 4 of the company's building on Monday, January 12, at 11 o'clock, A. M.  
WM. A. STEEDMAN, Treas.

**WATCHES!!**  
I have a large lot of WATCHES of Gold and Silver left over from Christmas which I wish to sell off very cheap. If you need a watch now is the time for a bargain. We can sell you a Solid Silver, Key winding, American Watch for \$8.50, a fine Stem Winding & Setting for \$10.00. These are bargains, not humbugs with chromos given in to blind you as to the merits of the same. Also 14k Gold Lady's Watch for \$22, reduced from \$30.

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**REPORT**  
OF THE CONDITION OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF RHODE ISLAND of Newport, at the close of business, Dec. 30, 1884.

**RESOURCES:**  
Loans and Discounts..... \$32,825 25  
Overdrafts..... 1,245 00  
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation..... 100,000 00  
Other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages..... 125,000 00  
Due from approved reserve agents..... 25,750 00  
Due from other National Banks..... 1,415 00  
Banking House..... 3,500 00  
Other Real Estate..... 6,882 37  
Current Expenses and Taxes Paid..... 382 20  
Premiums paid..... 9,112 50  
Deposits and other cash items..... 531 40  
Bills of other Banks..... 331 00  
Fractional paper currency, nickels and pennies..... 276 00  
Specie..... 5,612 68  
Legal tenders..... 6,032 00  
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)..... 4,500 00  
Total..... \$322,943 09

**LIABILITIES:**  
Capital stock paid in..... \$100,000 00  
Surplus fund..... 24,810 00  
Undivided profits..... 6,282 12  
National Bank Notes outstanding..... 80,000 00  
Dividends unpaid..... 26 00  
Individual deposits, subject to check..... 102,822 97  
Total..... \$322,943 09

States of Rhode Island, County of Newport, ss. I, T. P. Peckham, cashier of the National Bank of Rhode Island of Newport, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
T. P. PECKHAM, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31st day of Dec., 1884.  
WM. C. WARD, Jr.,  
Notary Public.

Corrected—August—W. A. Clarke, Augustus P. Sherman, J. D. Richardson, Directors.

## State of Rhode Island AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**NEWPORT, R. I.**  
WHEREAS, The Board of Aldermen, at a meeting held on Friday evening, December 26, 1884, passed the following resolution:—  
Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen, in the first Ward on Friday, December 20, 1884, for the election of an Alderman for said ward for one year from the first Monday in January next, the electors of said ward failed to make choice of an elector to fill the office, therefore—  
Resolved, That hereafter, on the 31 day of January, 1885, is hereby appointed for holding a ward meeting in said ward for the election of an Alderman from said ward, to fill the vacancy which shall have been occasioned by the death of Henry A. Kautz, deceased, to represent said ward in the Board of Aldermen for one year from the first Monday in January next.

Resolved, That this Board will meet on Wednesday, the 31st day of December 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M., at their chamber in the City Hall to canvass, correct and complete the Voting List for said election."

Wherefore, the electors of the first Ward of the City of Newport, do hereby warn to be present at a ward meeting to be held on Wednesday, the 31st day of December 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M., at their chamber in the City Hall to canvass, correct and complete the Voting List for said election."

Witness my hand this 27th day of December A. D., 1884.  
**WILLIAM G. STEVENS,**  
City Clerk.

**JOHN D. RICHARDSON**, Executor of the last will and testament of **ADOLPH P. CHAMBERLAIN**, late of Newport, deceased, presents his first account of the estate of said deceased, and prays that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

It is ordered that the consideration of said account be referred to the 12th day of January, 1885, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the Newport Mercury, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER,  
Probate Clerk.

**THOMAS GALVIN**, Executor of the last will and testament of **JOHN TAYLOR**, late of Newport, deceased, presents his annual account of the estate of said deceased, and prays that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

It is ordered that the consideration of said account be referred to Monday, the 19th of January, 1885, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the Newport Mercury, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER,  
Probate Clerk.

**ON THE PETITION** of Edward W. Gault, of New York, in writing, presenting this day, praying that he or some other suitable person, may be appointed Administrator of the estate of—  
**ELIZA R. HOUDE.**

It is ordered that the consideration of said petition be referred to Monday, the 12th day of January, 1885, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the Newport Mercury, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER,  
Probate Clerk.

**ON THE PETITION** of Abigail G. Lawton, in writing, presenting this day, praying that she or some other suitable person, may be appointed Administrator of the estate of—  
**HERBERT LAWTON.**

It is ordered that the consideration of said petition be referred to Monday, the 12th day of January, 1885, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the Newport Mercury, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER,  
Probate Clerk.

**Commissioner's Notice.**  
WE, the subscribers, having been appointed by the Honorable Court of Probate of the City of Newport, in Rhode Island, Commissioners to receive and examine the claims of the deceased creditors against the Estate of **HENRY AUGUSTUS KAUL**, late of Newport, deceased, and having been qualified according to law, request all persons having demands to present them, and all indebted to make payment to her.

ELIZABETH PRATT, Guardian.  
Newport, January 2, 1885.